

REMARKS

Claim 8 has been amended to call for dehydrating the etchant. The Examiner contends that references using glycerol dehydrate the etchant. But they do not dehydrate the etchant. Even if glycerol did absorb water, the glycerol is still part of the etchant. Therefore, the water content of the etchant is unchanged, as would be its viscosity based on water content.

For example, the McGraw Hill Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Terms, defines "dehydration" as the removal of water from any substance. Here, there is no removal of water from the claimed substance, namely, the etchant. The amount of water remains constant.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

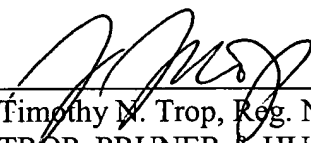
Claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 15, indicated to be allowable.

Claim 16 is believed to be patentable for the same reasons discussed above.

In view of these remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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